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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

OVER 2000 MEMBERS

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- Railway Clerks Union No. 99
- Bricklayers and Plasterers No. 2
- Plumbers and Steamfitters No. 627
- Journeyman Barbers No. 38
- Electrical Workers No. 714
- Hod-Carriers Union No. 354
- Amalgamated Meat Cutters No. 477
- Teachers Federation No. 302
- Carpenters and Joiners No. 1032
- Truck Drivers No. 74
- Electrical Workers No. B949
- Building Service Employees No. 52
- Minot Local A. F. of State, County and Municipal Employees No. 181
- International Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers, Helpers and Laborers No. 394
- International Association of Machinists No. 765
- Minot Local A. F. of State Employees No. 42-6
- American Federation of Musicians No. 656
- International Carmen of America No. 816
- Retail Clerks Association No. 1235
- International Firefighters Association
- A. A. St. Elec. R. R. and Motor Coach Employees of America No. 1150
- Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union No. 632
- Gas Workers Union No. 22661
- International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers No. 313
- Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, G. N. Ry. Lodge No. 1326
- Laundry Workers Union

October 23rd. 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt;

I am enclosing a copy of the program of the North Dakota State Federation of Labor banquet, that was dedicated to the Greatest Man in all mankind.

I thought that would like to see this.

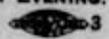
Very sincerely yours

*H. C. Kiehn*  
H. C. Kiehn--President

Minot Central Labor Union.

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BUSINESS AGENT  
ALBERT BEHRENS

*Thank  
Lillian*



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34th and 35th

Annual State Convention

North Dakota  
Federation of Labor

MINOT

September 1st and 2nd  
1946



Dedicated to  
Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt

The Greatest Friend  
That Labor Ever Had

# LADIES

We're Very Glad You Came.

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## SATURDAY

Registration at Leland-Parker Hotel.

## SUNDAY

12:00—Noon

Meet in Leland-Parker Hotel Lobby for Picnic at Roosevelt Park.

In case of inclement weather the picnic will be held at the Minot High School cafeteria. Transportation will be provided.

6:00 P. M. Sharp

Banquet at St. Leo's Church Dining Room. Entertainment and Party immediately after banquet at Labor Temple. For all delegates and visitors and their ladies.

## MONDAY

11:00 A. M.

Breakfast at The LaPlaza Cafe—Leland-Parker Hotel.



34th and 35th Annual Convention

## North Dakota State Federation of Labor

Minot, North Dakota

September 1 and 2, 1946

Business Sessions at Minot Labor Temple

Banquet at St. Leo's Church

H. C. Kiehn - - Toastmaster  
President, Minot Central Labor Union

### PROGRAM

Music - - - - - Happy Gang

Benediction

Musical Selections - - - Happy Gang

"Star Spangled Banner"

"God Save the King"

Introductory Remarks by Guests

W. W. Murrey—President State Federation of Labor

H. R. Martinson—North Dakota Labor Commissioner

Cliff Brock, K. C.—Representative of Winnipeg Trades and Labor Assembly

Quentin Burdick—Lawyer and Friend of Labor

Math Dahl—Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor

Principal Speaker:

Donald Murtha—Assistant Solicitor,  
United States Department of Labor,  
Washington, D. C.

Entertainment

At Minot Labor Temple Immediately  
After Banquet.

### Officers of the North State Federation of Labor

W. W. Murrey, President, Fargo

L. J. Mero, Secretary, Grand Forks

Joseph Glaser, Vice President, Bismarck

Albert Behrens, Vice President, Minot

John Hjellum, Vice President, Jamestown

### **GOD SAVE THE KING**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King;  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

### **THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER**

O—Say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last  
gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per-  
ilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly  
streaming?  
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still  
there.  
Oh, say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

## Valley City Times-Record and THE BARNES COUNTY NEWS

Dedicated to the greatest resource—people.

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## Comments...

By DON C. MATCHAN

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### GROWING AWARENESS...

Evidence that the membership is becoming conscious of the need of collective action, not only on the economic but also on the political front, came with adoption of two resolutions of high significance.

Of equal importance, they were adopted

Robertson had a 100 per cent record—against people. He voted "wrong" (according to the concept of the working man and farmer) 12 times out of 12.

It was further pointed out that Senator William Langer, the gentleman who has been known as a "radical" among old-time Leaguers but whose international record (and lately his domestic record) brands him as a Taftite, voted wrong 16 times out of 12.

And Lemke, the man who has been parading as a liberal for a quarter century or more, voted wrong eight times out of 12.

Many of the delegates favored including Langer and Lemke in the resolution against Robertson, but old-guard members of the Railway Brotherhood, unable to see more than the immediate votes which concerned only themselves, would not go along, and so the resolution centered on Robertson.

It is no secret, of course, that Robertson already has the backing of the most reactionary elements in the state, including The Fargo Forum and the Minot Daily News. But Lemke and Langer have been able to pose as liberals, and to delude enough of them so that with the conservative vote, they have fared quite well. Lemke's run for the president in 1936, with the backing of Father Charles Coughlin who later was exposed as having received funds from Germany, is evidence that he is no more a liberal fundamentally than is Bilbo or Rankin. He has voted "right" on a few labor measures, but his overall record does not stack up.

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One resolution calls for a legislative conference to be held in the near future for the purpose of outlining a legislative program and supporting those candidates for the fall election who subscribe to the program.

The conference will not be confined to labor organizations. The resolution asks that farm organizations and business and professional people who believe in progress also send delegates to it.

#### CALLING THE CARDS...

No. 2, and a blow to a certain gentleman who has been enjoying a free ride on the so-called liberal handwagon, was the resolution condemning Congressman Charles R. Robertson.

It was pointed out that on 12 crucial votes dealing with price control and labor,

January 13, 1936, out of 12.

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Donald Murtha, former North Dakotan who is now assistant solicitor in the U. S. department of labor under Lew Schwellenbach, was booked as the principal speaker, and he did a creditable job. There has been considerable labor-baiting through the nation, and Murtha hit at the practice, condemned those who seek to discredit labor by promiscuous name-calling.

#### EVERYWHERE AT ONCE...

Toastmaster for the dinner, and chairman of convention arrangements was the voluble Hank Klehn, known throughout the state. A devoted follower of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hank saw to it that the cover page of the program carried a sketch of the great leader and these words: "Dedicated to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the greatest friend that labor ever had."

Hank has a faculty for getting around, and he was everywhere during the convention. His wisecracks livened the dinner and pepped up the meeting.

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#### FAITHFUL JOE...

Joe Glaser, who also is a vicepresident of the North Dakota Committee for MVA, is a tireless worker. Since the organization has only one organizer—Bill Murrey—whatever Joe does is gratis. But he gets things done and is a true progressive. He was a farmer during his earlier years, later moved to Bismarck where he got interested in the labor organization and because of his fire and energy, finally was elevated to a vicepresidency.

#### HOSPITALITY PLUS...

Minot has a labor temple, complete with club rooms and all. The Minot Central Labor Union, of which Hank Klehn is president, has a surplus in its treasury of \$40,000. I must say that the hospitality for which Minot is famous is not confined to its Chamber of Commerce or its individual citizens—the organized working boys know the technique of making guests feel at home, too!

[MINTZ]



University of Michigan

January 31, 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I have been a silent admirer of your husband for as long as I can remember. I have always wished he were a little younger. My highest desire was to meet and talk with him, just once. It does not seem possible, even now, that my wish will ever come true. Whenever I read or hear anything about "the President," I immediately see Mr. Roosevelt's face. He was the only president I heard about during my lifetime. When he took office, I was four and one remembers little if anything from before that age.

But I did not write this letter to talk about the past. Maybe you saw the short movie called, I believe, "Fala at Hyde Park." I enjoyed it very much. It made me think how much Fala meant to "the Chief" (as he was called in the short) and how much the Chief meant to him. But it was not until a few days ago that I thought of an idea to keep the two together, for ever, as I think they should be.

I suppose the March of Dimes has made me think about him more than usual recently. Somehow Fala got into my thoughts. The next thing I knew I had a great man and his dog romping around amidst my thoughts, collecting stray thoughts here and there, and

putting them together to form the idea about which I need your advice.

My idea was to have a statue made of Fala and place it beside Mr. Roosevelt so that the two would be together again. Later, when Fala passes on, I think he should be buried near Mr. Roosevelt, but his statue would stand as a constant reminder to all that Fala is near his Chief. I am sure there are enough friends of Mr. Roosevelt who would contribute for such a statue. I know I will.

I have not gone any further on my idea than to write to you about it. Your views on this idea would be appreciated very much.

Very truly yours,  
Maxine C. Mintz

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